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1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR MOORE AND LOS TEAM HELD TWO DAYS OF GENERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH UK TEAM HEADED BY SIR ROGER JACKLING. DISCUSSIONS RANGED OVER TACTICS IN NEGOTIATIONS, GENERAL REACTIONS TO SINGLE TEXT, AND FUTURE COORDINATION OF GROUP OF FIVE. UK HAS STRONGLY AFFIRMATIVE REACTION TO COMMITTEE II AND III TEXTS WITH ONLY FEW CHANGES SUGGESTED. THEY SHARE CONCERN OF US ON COMMITTEE I TEXT BUT LIKE SOVIETS ARE VERY CONCERNED TACTICALLY NOT TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO ENDANGER PROGRESS MADE IN COMMITTEE II AND III TEXTS BY APPROACH TAKEN TO COMMITTEE I TEXT. END SUMMARY.

2. US TEAM LED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN NORTON MOORE AND INCLUDING STUART FRENCH, DOD REP FOR LOS; AND TERRY LEITZEL
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AND CMDR BUSBY (STATE) MET FOR TWO DAYS OF PRELIMINARY

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LOS DISCUSSIONS ON JUNE 23 AND 24 WITH UK TEAM LED BY SIR ROGER JACKLING AND INCLUDING HARRY DUDGEON, DAVID ANDERSON, DENNIS SIMMS AND ALAN ARCHER. BOTH SIDES EMPHASIZED PRELIMINARY NATURE OF DISCUSSIONS AND THAT FORMAL REVIEW OF SINGLE TEXT WAS UNDERWAY.

3. MOST SIGNIFICANT POINTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:
(A) GENERAL REACTION TO SINGLE TEXT - UK SEEMS TO HAVE STRONGLY POSITIVE REACTION TO SINGLE TEXT IN COMMITTEE II AND III AND SUGGESTED ONLY FEW CHANGES. THOUGH THEY DO NOT LIKE SINGLE TEXT IN COMMITTEE I, JACKLING EMPHASIZED HIS CONCERN THAT TACTICS IN COMMITTEE I NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT ENDANGER GAINS MADE IN COMMITTEE II AND III.

(B) DEEP SEABEDS - BRITISH ARE OPPOSED TO A YAOUNDE MEETING BUT FAVOR AN INTER-SESSIONAL MEETING IN NEW YORK LATE IN YEAR UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF PAUL ENGO. THEY EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF EVENSEN TYPE MEETING ON COMMITTEE I ISSUES BROADENED TO INCLUDE MORE MODERATES FROM COMMITTEE I. JACKLING INDICATED HE PERSONALLY IS THINKING OF COMMITTEE I SUBSTANTIVE SOLUTION BASED ON PERMITTING AUTHORITY DIRECT CONTROL OVER MINING IN ALL AREAS BUT WITH A GREATL STRENGTHENED ARTICLE 9 TO REQUIRE THE AUTHORITY TO ENSURE THAT DEVELOPMENT WILL TAKE PLACE. MOORE INDICATED HE FELT THIS WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT IN MEETING CONCERNS OF GUARANTEED ACCESS. SIR ROGER DID AGREE THAT DEEP SEABED REGIME SHOULD BE LIMITED TO SEABED MINERAL RESOURCES ISSUES ONLY.

(C) CONTINENTAL MARGIN ISSUES - REFLECTING OBVIOUS UK CONCERN ON MARGIN ISSUES, SIR ROGER RAISED DEFINITION OF OUTER BOUNDARY AS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE. CONCERN IS TO INCLUDE SHELF AREA AROUND ROCKALL. UK INDICATED THEIR CONCERN MIGHT BE MET BY AN ISLAND PROVISION WHICH GAVE CONTINENTAL SHELF JURISDICTION TO ALL ROCKS, ALTHOUGH THEIR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE WAS AN ADEQUATE MARGIN DEFINITION. BASICALLY THE UK SOUGHT FORMULAE BEING DISCUSSED IN EVENSEN GROUP AS PROPOSED IN "CHILE COMPROMISE". UK ALSO

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PUSHED THEIR APPROACH ON PROFIT SHARING AS OPPOSED TO 0/0 OF VALUE OF PRODUCTION AS BASIS FOR REVENUE SHARING. IN THIS CONNECTION THEY ASKED FOR PAPER FROM US SETTING OUT REASONS WHY WE PREFER 0/0 VALUE OF PRODUCTION.

(D) UNDERSTANDING ON DRAFTING COMMITTEE - SIR ROGER RAISED UNDERSTANDING WHICH HE SAID UK HAD REACHED WITH AMBASSADOR STEVENSON THAT IN EXCHANGE FOR UK NOT PARTICIPATING ON DRAFTING COMMITTEE US WOULD FULLY INVOLVE THEM BEHIND THE SCENES IN DRAFTING COMMITTEE WORK. MOORE INDICATED WE WOULD, OF COURSE, HONOR COMMITMENT AND INVOLVE UK IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

(E) 200-MILE FISHING BILL - UK INDICATED STRONGLY THAT PASSAGE OF 200 MILE FISHING BILL NOW OR WITH A ONE-YEAR DELAY WOULD BE SERIOUSLY DAMAGING TO OUR JOINT OCEANS CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERESTS. THEY SAID THEY HAD INFORMATION THAT A NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES WOULD DECLARE A 200 MILE TERRITORIAL

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SEA IF THE US ACTS UNILATERALLY ON FISHING AND THAT US UNILATERAL ACTION WOULD ALSO CREATE DISARRAY IN THE EEC POSITION. THEY SUGGESTED THAT BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM THEY MIGHT WISH TO MAKE A HIGH LEVEL DEMARCHE IN WASHINGTON ON THIS ISSUE.

4. ON INTER-SESSIONAL WORK UK FELT WE WOULD NEED GROUP OF 5 MEETING IN EARLY AUGUST TO COORDINATE PACKAGE OF AMENDMENTS ON SINGLE TEXT IN COMMITTEE II AND III AND THAT SUCH A MEETING SHOULD BE HELD INPARIS IF FRENCH WOULD AGREE.

5. USDEL WOULD LIKE TO THANK AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON AND EMBOFF WILLIAM CLAPPIN FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING TALKS.

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